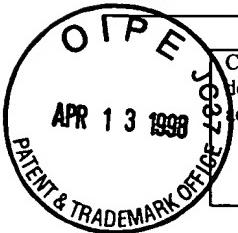


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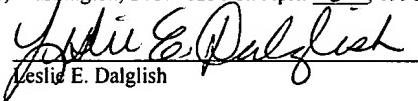
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. The listed patent references on the enclosed Form 1449 were cited in the copending related patent application serial no. 08/475,798, entitled SELF-LAUNCHING ENCRYPTED TRY BEFORE YOU BUY SOFTWARE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, and the publication listed on the enclosed Form 1449 was cited in the copending related patent application serial no. 08/480,170, entitled SYSTEM FOR MARKING DATABASES TO IDENTIFY EXECUTION OF SOFTWARE PROGRAMS. Both copending applications were brought to the attention of the Examiner in a Communication. Regarding Related Applications filed on June 7, 1995, with the parent application of this

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No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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